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FOLLOWING STATE 120302 SENT NEW DELHI (BEING SENT IAEA
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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE: INDIA

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM SECRETARY'S JUNE 6 PRESS
CONFERENCE RELATING TO INDIA:

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE INDIAN NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION CHANGED THE BALANCE OF POWER IN SOUTH ASIA;
AND DO YOU STILL PLAN TO VISIT INDIA AT SOME LATER DATE?

A: I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
CHANGES THE BALANCE OF POWER, THOUGH IF INDIA HAD ASKED
OUR ADVICE WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NOT RECOMMENDED IT.
BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT CHANGES THE BALANCE OF POWER
SINCE ITS RESOURCES WILL BE RELATIVELY LIMITED. NEVER-
THELESS, WE ARE OPPOSED TO PROLIFERATION.
I HAVE HAD TO DELAY MY TRIP TO INDIA NOT AS A RESULT
OF THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BUT AS A RESULT OF THE
EXTENSION OF THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TALKS;
AND I STILL PLAN TO VISIT INDIA IN THE RELATIVELY
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